

**DCPS Capital Improvement Program  
Fact Sheet 17 September, 2003**



**Bell/Lincoln H.S. / M.S.  
3101 16<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
New School Construction**

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**Background:**

Bell SHS and Lincoln MS will be combined into a single facility housing both schools. Bell is a 98,000 square foot school constructed in 1910. Lincoln is an 185,000 square foot school constructed in 1967. Bell's capacity is 579 students with a current enrollment of about 650. Lincoln's capacity is 1,290 students with a current enrollment of about 385. In 2000 the school community completed Educational Specifications for a new Bell-Lincoln. This study recommended replacement of the school and was approved in 2000. The school was approved for design only in the fall of 2000. The planned new school is programmed at 236,500 square feet with a student capacity of 1,400. Lincoln students were relocated to Taft JHS in fall 2002 for the duration of the construction project. Expected beneficial occupancy date for new building is now 29 December 2005

**Status:**

This school is in the construction phase.

The construction funding is part of the FY 2002 - 2007 Capital Budget. Asbestos abatement began at Lincoln in July 2002 and was completed in September 2003. Construction Contract awarded on 12 May 2003 but start of work was delayed due to permitting delays. Raze Permit received and Notice to Proceed was issued on 11 September 2003. Final building permit being processed.

